

## The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Office Building this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001 with the following members present: Russ Frey, Chairman; Bob Newsome, Vice Chairman; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Alvan Johnson, Member, was absent.

### **8:30 Public Comment**

Jerry Howard; Monty Wedel, Director of Planning and Development; Chris Cassel, Manhattan Mercury; and Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Wedel said final action on the Community Development Block Grant will be rescheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2001.

### **9:00 Business Meeting**

Chris Cassel, Manhattan Mercury; and Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners suggested GIS would be a broad enough topic to discuss for the City/County Meeting.

Newsome moved to approve Resolution No. 021201 -12 adopting a Prohibited Harassment Policy for employees for Riley County, Kansas. Frey seconded. Carried 2 -0.

### **9:30 Press Conference**

Chris Cassel, Manhattan Mercury; Steve Foreman, KMAN; Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Abby Bleck, TV6, attended.

Harden reported county roads were opened Saturday to at least one lane. Harden said all roads are now open and drifting snow has stopped. Harden estimated the cost to open and clear roads to be \$75,000.00 for the storm.

Vargo stated advance voting is open for the February 27, 2001 Primary Election. Vargo reported today, February 12, 2001 is the last day to register to vote for the Primary Election. Vargo said the Secretary of State, Ron Thornburgh, discussed implementation of election procedures on provisional ballots and other election issues brought forward due to the Florida Election.

King said Demand Transfers and sales tax on internet transactions were addressed by Kent Glasscock, Speaker of the House, at County Government Day. King reported the 6% cut on top of the Capson Demand Transfer will probably not be reinstated due to projected revenue shortfalls at the State. King said the cuts in Demand Transfers directly affect increases in property taxes. King reported Kansas is working on a pilot project addressing sales tax on internet transactions.

Freysaid Chris Courtright, with Legislative Research, discussed Demand Transfers and sales tax revenue at the County Government Day meeting.

Freysaid Representative Jerry Ray indicated the best way to communicate to legislators is back home prior to the legislative session and during their elections.

Frey reported the Secretary of Agriculture, Jamie Klover Adams, commended Kansas Association of Counties on their work on Noxious Weed legislation.

**10:00 Rich Vargo, County Clerk**

Corey Swisher, Budget and Finance Officer; Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Chris Cassel, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Vargo discussed YTD budget and expenditure reports.

**10:40 Dan Harden, Director of Public Works/County Engineer and Rod Meredith, Assistant Director of Public Works/Parks Director**

Corey Swisher, Budget and Finance Officer; Monty Wedel, Director of Planning and Development; Chris Cassel, Manhattan Mercury; Buck Gehrt; and Lynda Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Discussion followed on the Road and Bridge Advisory Board Report.

Harden discussed an Emergency Water Supply Plan for Valleywood County Water Benefit District.

News item moved to place on the business meeting agenda February 20, 2001 action on adopting the Valleywood Water Benefit District Emergency Water Supply Plan. Frey seconded. Carried 2 - 0.

Discussion followed on the Northview Drainage Study.

Harden discussed installing a new 20'x40' metal building at the Law Enforcement Center versus moving the old ones from 600 Colorado.

Harden said the savings in the installation of a new building is because Riley County crews would install the floor for the used buildings requiring the purchase of the forms.

**11:30 Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator**

Lynda Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

C. Collins discussed Riley County Historical Museum Library/Archives.

C. Collins presented examples of Library Archives.

**12:00** County Officials Luncheon

**1:15 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services**

- **Administrative Work Session**

**1:15 Eric Cattel, City of Manhattan, Selection Committee**

Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Monty Wedel, Director of Planning and Development; Bob Isaac, Planning and Development; Lynda Nyberg, League of Women Voters; Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator; Bruce Snead, Ron Fehr, Karen McCulloh, Carol Peak, Ed Klimek, and Roger Reitz, City of Manhattan, attended.

Discussion followed on the recommendation from the Selection Committee on the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Land Use Plan Consultant.

Newsom moved to approve Clarion Associates, LLC, of Fort Collins, Colorado as the Consultant to perform the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan; and authorize City and County Administration to work with the Selection Committee and Clarion Associates, LLC, to develop a draft scope of services and contract to be submitted to the Commissions for final approval. Frey seconded. Carried 2 - 0.

**1:30 Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator**

Lynda Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Discussion followed on a report on training during 2000 and a review of 2001 training opportunities for Riley County employees.

**2:00 Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator and Cindy Volanti,  
Clerk's Office**

Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Stan Morgan,  
Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Discussion followed on Riley County personnel leave for Friday, February  
9, 2001, when the County Offices were closed because of the snowstorm.

The Board of County Commissioners asked Morgan for recommendations  
for leave.

**2:45** Newsom moved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2001 as  
amended. Frey seconded. Carried 2 -0.

**2:58** Newsom moved to adjourn. Frey seconded. Carried 2 -0.